

## Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, July 21st, 2010

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 21st, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. attending the meeting was: Members – Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director - John Tate and Park Board Secretary - Debra Scott.

Board President Ron Bennett and Council Member Linc Baro were not present.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the June 16th, 2010, meeting was made by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for July 21st, 2010, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Imagination Station- Mr. Don Oeth stated he had talked to Street Commissioner Roy Maynard about getting some signs made to place at Imagination Station. The signs would read Park closed from 9:00p.m. – 8:00 a.m. No trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted. Mr. Tate stated he had spoke with the Library Board about posting the signs. Mr. Tate explained the Library Board held their monthly meeting last night and after getting their approval and the Park Board's approval to post the signs the department will move forward with the signs. Mr. Tate stated he spoke with Police Chief Grant Beloit about the issue and Grant said as long as we have no trespassing on the sign then the police have the authority to write a ticket or arrest any individual caught trespassing between the hours on the sign. Mr. Tate stated Mayor Tucker would like to see the Parks Board make an order about the hours at the next meeting. Kelly Cox made the motion for the signs to be placed at Imagination Station and say park closed from 9:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. No Trespassing; Don Oeth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tate stated the Imagination Station has no lighting in the park area. Mr. Tate asked the Board what they thought about a dusk to dawn light verses a motion light. Mr. Don Oeth stated a dusk to dawn light would stay on permanently, and he believes that type of lighting would be the best. Mr. Oeth stated by having a light and signs, the police would be able to patrol the area better. Mr. Tate stated he is going to see if Vectren will donate the pole; and set the lights. Mr. Tate has been communicating with Sabic about having a work day at the park. Mr. Tate stated he gave Sabic 2 dates; August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. Sabic had not got back with the Parks Department as of meeting time

2. (A.) 2011 Budget- Mr. Tate stated he presented the budget at last month's budget hearing. Mr. Tate stated there was a total 5 % budget increase; with the full time employees each receiving a 3% raise. Mr. Tate stated there was one new line added to the 2011 budget; it is for Imagination Station.

(B.) Transfers- At June's Board meeting the Board and Mr. Tate discussed transferring money internally from the non-reverting funds. Shortly after the Board meeting the department's tax settlement came in. The Parks Department ended up not having to borrow internally.

3. Vandalism- Mr. Tate stated there has been no new vandalism since July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Oeth stated he had spoken with his son, about patrolling the area. Mrs. Synda Waters asked if the department had the surveillance camera installed at Brittlebank Park. Mr. Tate stated there had not been any camera's installed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business at this time.

Mrs. Synda Waters asked the Board if there was any new business or issues to be addressed:

Mr. Kelly Cox stated he had some issues with Fairview Park. Mr. Cox stated there were only 2 working swings and that the other swings were damaged or wrapped around the poles so no one could use them. Mr. Tate brought up the idea of giving the park back to Jim Davis. Mr. Tate stated he would like to discuss this issue further. Mrs. Synda Waters stated when Mr. Tate talks to City Attorney Beth McFadin Higgins maybe he could ask her the steps that need to be taken to give Fairview Park back to Jim Davis. Mr. Kelly Cox stated there is a nice piece of ground at the park that could be used for a practice field. After a brief discussion the issue was tabled.

Motion was made to adjourn by Don Oeth and seconded by Kelly Cox.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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John Tate, Parks Director

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Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18th, 2010, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.

